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THINGS INTERESTING TO THE DEAF

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## I WISH THAT I COULD TELL

J. SCHUYLER LONG

In the sound of song and music  
There's a charm for those who hear,  
And they look upon me sadly  
When they see me standing near,  
And they think that I am lonely  
And they reckon what I miss,  
And they seem to be sorry  
That I lose this cherished bliss.

But I wish that I could, tell them,  
As I smile and turn away,  
Of the voices ever singing  
Through the night and through the day.  
Voices full of sweet reminders  
Of the days of long ago,  
And I hear again the echo  
Of those songs I used to know.

And I wish that I could tell them  
Of the music that I hear,  
With its vibrant tone resounding  
On my inner conscious ear,—  
How it thrills and, creeping o'er me,  
Steals away the bitter sense  
Of the wrong that Nature did me—  
This her gift in recompense.

And I wish that I could tell them  
Of the music that I see  
In the buds of spring unfolding,  
And the moving melody  
In the motion all about us,  
In the birds and in the flowers,  
In the happy eyes of children  
As they look their love in ours.

And I wish that I could tell them  
Of the most delightful thin s  
That I hear and see in silence  
When my inner fancy sings.  
And I wish that I could tell them  
Of the music in the hand  
When in song it moves in rhythm,—  
But they would not understand.

American Annals.

## MINNEAPOLIS FISHING WITH SPEAR

Minneapolis Association of the Deaf has issued an invitation for the next National convention to meet in that city. The following is President Hanson's reply:

"Seattle, Dec. 30th, 1910.

Mr. Jens Hansen,

Sec'y Minneapolis Association of the Deaf, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 27th inst. extending an invitation from the Minneapolis Association of the Deaf to the N. A. D. to hold its next convention in Minneapolis has been received.

The Executive committee of the N. A. D. has not yet taken up this question

and will not do so until some other matters now before the committee have been disposed of. But when we are ready to consider the subject, your invitation will be brought to the attention of the committee. Thanking you for the interest shown, I am

Yours very truly,

OLOF HANSON,  
President N. A. D."

## THE GALLAUDET MONUMENT

The question of repairing or replacing the Gallaudet monument at Hartford, Conn., is now before the Executive Committee of the N. A. D.

We should be pleased to receive short communications on the matter.

The deaf of the East are much better acquainted with the Gallaudet family than are those of the West.

It seems to us that the proper thing would be for the deaf of New England and Eastern States to go to work and raise a goodly sum; other sections would then join in and help out.

We notice that the deaf of New England, after two years' work, have raised only about \$32. That strikes us as a woeful lack of interest. Were the monument in Seattle the Puget Sound association of some sixty members would distant that amount in a few months.

Get to work ye Easterners!

## CLUB HOUSE FOR THE DEAF

Los Angeles which has many wealthy deaf residents contemplates constructing a \$5000 clubhouse.

We know that the deaf in several cities in the east have club houses. We would like to hear from the residents of some of these cities as to whether or not these club houses are beneficial to the deaf from a moral, instructive and financial standpoint.

Communications on this subject must appear over the name of the writer.

## EXPENSIVE EXPERIMENT

Information reaches us that certain members of the N. F. S. D. are trying to induce that organizer to start a publication of its own. Our years of newspaper experience leads us to think that the Frats would speedily find such a publication an expensive experiment. Of course certain men will figure it out O. K., but —

## ONLY FOUR.

Send us the names of four of your friends and four dollars and we will send them each the Observer for one year and in addition will make you a present of a year's subscription.

## A Decided Success

Considering circumstances the annual masquerade of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf was certainly a great success. The attendance was as large if not larger than any previous affair of the kind. There were five less masked than last year, which may be laid to the hard times.

Although New Year's eve is a time when people are want to drink and conduct themselves in any old way. There was not a sign of drink at this party and it was an orderly well behaved crowd.

The characters were as follows: A. W. Wright, Brother Gardiner of the Lime Kiln Club; Mrs. Wright, witch; L. O. Christensen, Santa Claus; Carl Garrison, Beau Brummells; Olof Hanson, Farmer Corneob; Mrs. Hanson, dancing girl; Marion Hanson, fairy; Fred Emmons, Sambo; Laura Sampson, Japan lady; Myrtle Hammond, Japan lady; Elsie Peterson, College girl; Hilda Peterson, flower girl; Alex. Wade, Father Time; True Partridge, country girl; Mrs. Gustin, paper girl; Charlotte Gustin, Topsy; Jimmy Meagher, football player; Mrs. Wildfang, Mammy; Mrs. Morrissey, actress; E. Swangren, college professor.

First lady prize was given to Miss L. Sampson; second to Mrs. A. W. Wright. First gentleman prize to Jimmy Meagher; second to A. W. Wright.

Quite a few hearing people were present as spectators. Sunday morning Post-Intelligencer gave a good write-up of the affair. The editor of the Union Record (local labor paper) was present, although not just in his line, he asked for a write up of the affair for his next issue.

Last year we had occasion to criticize the men for inability to dance. That would not hold this year as there seemed to be as many gentlemen as ladies able to trip the light fantastic toe in a graceful manner.

## NOTES

Too late to wish you were there, but you can resolve to be present next year.

That mustache Carl Garrison wore was too killing

True Partridge passed as a little girl all right, even if he (or she) did have the mumps.

Alex. Wade says Olof Hanson can pick up farming again all right.

That three-foot fan which Miss Sampson carried raised the breeze in her favor surely.

Miss Morton was a new comer; but made friends at once and we hope she will come again.

Miss Marie McLaughlin and Miss Morton assisted in deciding the prize winners.

Jimmy Meagher's outfit seemed to take with the young ladies, at least the two lady judges picked him out at once.

Mrs. Wildfang as many was success in capitals.

The nose worn by College Professor Swangren certainly looked if it was used to prying into serious matters.

Charlotte Gustin was a real Topsy, only her lips wont pucker or her nose stubby enough to make a good colored girl.

A. W. Wright wore pjams, and a white collar that reached above his head.

Practically all customs were good.

Miss Ethel Carr of Bellingham was present and as usual the center of attraction.

L. T. Rhiley has the making of a floor manager in him.

Silent Rowan seems to be as much at home in society as in the ring.

You may be sure there is something very attractive when Albert Hole fails to come out in his clown costumes. Guess what that attraction was this time.

Alfred Waugh was so impressed with the beauty of it all that he resolved to begin taking dancing lessons this week.

Brother Gardiner, Sambo, Mammy and Topsy are all thinking of next year and chanting,

"If yo' gets dar  
Afo' I do  
Just tell 'em  
I'se a cumin' too."

#### PUZZLING CASE UP TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Thursday, Dec. 29.—A puzzle to the court of justice and the immigration officials here is the case of a boy about 17 years old, arrested for stealing money from a locker of the Copper Queen smelter.

The defendant, supposed to be Conrad Molino, cannot read or write, and is a deaf mute. He is apparently an Indian-Mexican from Honduras and knows only the most primitive sign of indicating the need of food and sleep. All efforts have failed to make him understand the charge against him.

Judge Rice entered a plea of not guilty and then for lack of any law governing the case, discharging the prisoner, who was then turned over to the immigration authorities here. For the same reasons these officials cannot prove the prisoner an alien, so he is on their hands awaiting instructions from Washington.—Daily papers

#### REMEMBER

That all contributions should reach us by Monday night before the date of publication. Sooner if convenient.

Why not advertise your society in The Observer?

#### FACTS ABOUT 'DEAF' BEGGARS

Imposters do a great injury to the deaf. The constant sight of beggars soliciting alms on the plea of deafness tends to create an unfavorable opinion of the deaf among the public, who usually have no suspicion of the fact that the beggar can hear as well as they can themselves. There may be professional beggars who are really deaf, though we do not know of a single one in the State of Kentucky; but the fact of deafness is no excuse for begging. At every State school for the deaf in America trades are taught by which the deaf can support themselves after leaving school, and as large a per cent of the educated deaf as of the hearing do so. When they finish school they have, thanks to the trades-teaching departments, little difficulty in securing positions, and they settle down into quiet, useful citizens—so quiet, in fact, that numbers of people in the community may not know that they have deaf people in their midst.

The deaf are just as self-respecting as any other class of people, and have the heartiest contempt for any one who trades on his deafness in any way.

It is a shame that a quiet, industrious, deserving class of people must bear the odium of the misdeeds of these imposters, and whenever possible the law should be invoked.—Kentucky Standard.

#### WIDNA DOOT.

In a certain rural parish one evening recently, the minister and his man were having the usual "confab" at the stable door preparatory to locking up.

Various topics had been discussed and latterly the minister remarked: "By the by John, have you seen the comet yet?"

"Deed no, sir, hae ye seen it yer-sel'?"

"Well, I cannot say that I have. Indeed John I'm afraid one would require to have a good glass to see it properly."

John, (slyly) "Sae I widna doot, sir, I widna doot twa maybe."

#### A LAME EXPLANATION.

At the breakfast table the other morning he was relating to his wife an incident that occurred at the club the previous night.

The chairman offered a silk hat to the member who could stand up and truthfully say that during his married life he had never kissed any woman but his own wife.

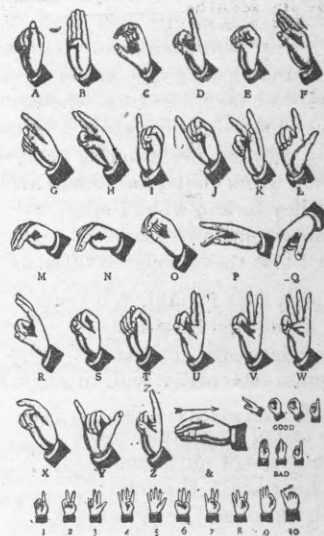
"And would you believe Mary, not one stood up!"

"George," his wife said: "why didn't you stand up?"

Well, he replied, "I was going to, but I look awful in a silk hat."

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Have you joined the national association of the deaf yet? If not, why not? Send your name to the National Treasurer at once and be one of those to help advance things.

## FRIEND COREY'S TOWN SPEAKS

The deaf of Kalamazoo, Michigan, are not to be left behind as the following shows:

"In response to a call issued by Chairman John Voisine, the board of managers of the Mid-West Association of the Deaf met last Saturday afternoon.

Those present were: O. C. Colby of South Haven, Neil McCullum of Grand Rapids, Frank Hayes of Elkhart, Ind., J. J. Borden of Jackson, Mich., Will M. Grimes of Battle Creek, Robert Clark of Vicksburg. They were met by the local committee, consisting of John Voisine, Martin M. Taylor, secretary; John White, treasurer; Daniel Tellier and Joseph Kolhoff and at once went into business session.

It was decided to hold the reunion of the deaf mutes of the three states in Kalamazoo in November, 1911. This will be the first convention of deaf mutes ever held in Kalamazoo.

At the National convention in Colorado Springs last summer, over 300 attended, and its session lasted six days. Three cities—Atlanta, Ga., Omaha, Neb., and Duluth, Minn.—are clamoring for the next convention, but as there are many objections to either city, no choice has yet been made. The local committee is taking advantage of the squabble to land the coveted prize, al-

though its chances are slim. Kalamazoo's reputation as a convention city and its large number of deaf mutes may be factors to greatly help the work.—Kalamazoo, (Mich.) Gazette."

## WHY THE NEXT STATE CONVENTION SHOULD BE HELD IN SEATTLE

Seattle and Tacoma are the most central of the large towns of the State. Tacoma does not want the convention and is working for Seattle.

Three-fourths of the deaf of the State live west of the mountains.

If the convention is held in Seattle there will be a larger attendance than at any other point and be truly a State convention.

Many of the intelligent deaf of the State have as yet taken no interest in the State organization. Their help is needed and if the next meeting is held in Seattle they can be drawn in.

The Puget Sound region has as refined, honorable and intelligent a lot of deaf as found in any part of the United States.

Few cities in the country furnish more opportunities for enjoyment at a moderate price than Seattle. We have fresh and salt water trips without number. Trolley rides past lakes up and down hill, through forests, valleys, etc. by the score.

Every one will be cordially welcome, but Seattle will make no wild promises. We heard of one city which in order to get a certain state convention proposed to ask the city council for several hundred dollars with the idea of paying hotel bills, etc. of the delegates. Be sure Seattle will do nothing of that kind. Neither will we pay railroad fare or offer a prize of fifty dollars to the one who comes first and stays longest.

The board of directors will make no mistake in sending the next convention to Seattle.

"No grief so great as for a deaf heart."

## JUST KEEP STILL

"How is it, Rob," asked one boy of another, "that you never get into scraps like the rest of us?"

"Because I don't talk back," answered Robbie, promptly, "when a boy says a hard thing to me I just keep still."

Many a man whose life has had in it a great deal of trouble and opposition would have saved much if he had learned in his childhood the lesson which this little fellow had mastered—that of "keeping still." If a hard word hurts it will not make it easier to make an angry reply. If you do not answer at all, it stops right there. If your tongue cannot be restrained, nobody knows what the result will be. It does not matter so much what your playmate says so long as you keep your temper and hold your tongue; it is what you reply to him, nine times out of ten, that makes the quarrel. Let him say his say, and be done with it; then you will find the whole annoyance done with much more readily than if you had "free your mind" in turn.

"Just keeping still" is one of the things that save time, trouble, and wretchedness in this world. The strong character can be quiet under abuse and misrepresentation, and the storm passed by all the sooner. Patience sometimes serves a man better than courage. You will find again and again that the way to "keep out of scraps" is to keep still.—The Christian.

## BIBLE BEES

The "Bees of the Bible" are very numerous. They never sting; they yield a great deal of honey, and it is their nature to be found in swarms. Here is a specimen of them:

"Be kindly affectioned one to another."

"Be sober and watch unto prayer."

"Be content with such things as you have."

"Be strong in the Lord."

"Be courteous."

"Be not wise in your own conceit."

"Be not unmindful to entertain strangers."

"Be not children in understanding."

"Be followers of God as dear children."

—Silent Churchman.

## Send This On With A Dollar

Mr. L. O. Christenson, Publisher of The Observer,

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## LOCAL ITEMS

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Miss Mabel Scanlan spent the holidays at her home in Everett.

Christopher Smith is in town for a while. He reports no more avalanches at Leavenworth.

Ernest Swangren was in town several days calling on friends and looking after business interests.

True Partridge has been transferred by his firm from Spokane to Seattle. We welcome him to our midst.

Carl Garrison and Miss Elsie Peterson, who are preparing for Gallaudet college at Vancouver, were home for the holidays.

Rud, the tith comes over from Bremerton often. Rudy has worked at the navy yard so long that he has a decided soldiery bearing.

M. O. Smith still plays chess. His shoe shop is near the state university and the professors call him in of an evening to play a quiet game.

Miss Grace Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hall of Seattle, was married to Frank G. Wilson of Rogers, Ark. Dec. 24, 1910. They will reside at Bloomington Ill.

Ernest Ringnell of Minneapolis, who is now in Iowa studying to be a dentist, expects to make his home in Seattle. Mr. Ringnell is a graduate of the Minnesota school.—Washingtonian.

Mr. and Mrs. Haire, who came to Seattle last October, have just discovered to local deaf. They expect to make up for lost time now, and will be present at the association meeting next week.

As the Master does, so should His followers.

Praying is a great force in the Master's business.

A praying Christian makes a soul-winning Christian.

We are commanded to pray. But pray in Christ's name. Pray through faith in His name.

It was Jimmy's first visit to the zoo.

"What's that there thing?" he asked, pointing at one of the cages.

"Oh, that's a tapir," said Jimmy's dad, reading the sign.

Then he said, "Which end do they Jimmy was silent for a minute. light?"

Self-reliance is one of the progenitors of greatness.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Any one subscribing for The Observer and failing to receive the paper promptly should notify us at once. No matter whether they pay direct to us or one of our agents.

## Ecker--Wright

At the home of the bride in Seattle last Saturday evening, December 31st, occurred the marriage of George Ecker of Elma, Wash., and Kate Wright of Seattle. The wedding was quite an elaborate affair. Rev. Mr. Green, pastor of a local Baptist church performed the ceremony. The young couple will reside at Elma. They have our best wishes.

Mr. Ecker won one of our nicest girls, and she has captured the best looking young man in Washington.

The newspaper were really in great hurry to announce this wedding. The Washingtonian had it take place the first of December, while Seattle Post-Intelligencer announced it had taken place two days before it really occurred. This was rather annoying to the young people. Still George wears the smile that wont come off, and his good wife looks happy.

## DON'T FORGET

Don't forget the meeting of the Puget Sound Association of the deaf next week Saturday evening, January 14th. Location is in Friendship hall, Pioneer building, corner First avenue and James street, opposite Totem Pole. Be on hand at 7:30 p. m.

## NOT HIS DAUGHTER

Kate Wright who became Mrs. Geo. Ecker last Saturday is no relative to A. W. Wright. Mr. Wright was accordingly a little surprised when his shop-mates asked him if his daughter had just married.

## CHURCH SERVICES

The monthly Bible class of the deaf will be held at Trinity church, corner of James street and Eighth avenue, on January 15, at 3:30 p. m. These meetings are proving very interesting, and more of the deaf should attend.

## Rules of Conduct for Successful Men.

I will be square—I will not do any man; nor let any man do me.

I will be thorough—I will do my work so carefully today that tomorrow will bring no regrets.

I will be happy—I will train my face to wear a smile and my tongue to say pleasant things.

I will be faithful—I will stick to my task till it's done and forget the clock.

I will be energetic—when the alarm clock rings I will get up at once.

I will be more saving—I will put by something from my salary each week.

Don't be a beggar soliciting money on the street; don't be a beggar reading the Observer without paying for it.

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## A SNEER.

Judge Ben B. Lindsay, the father of children's courts, said in an address in Denver, apropos of criminal corporations:

"Why, even the thieves in the prisons can have their shot at these malefactors. A Denver man, visiting one of our jails, said to a prisoner:

"Well, my friend, what brought you to this?"

"Poverty, boss," the prisoner answered, with a sneer. "I didn't have enough money to turn myself into a corporation and hire a corporation lawyer to learn me how to steal legally."

An engineering feat unparalleled, except by the Panama Canal, is the just completed tunnel through the Andes Mountains. Piercing the mountain chain that in average height stands second to only one other chain on the planet, this longest tunnel in the world forms the great link in the railroad connecting the Atlantic town of Euenos Ayres and the Pacific Valparaiso. These towns lie in direct line nine hundred miles apart, and the journey from one to the other, heretofore a perilous sail, requiring four to five days, is now made by land in thirty-six hours.



**PORTLAND, OREGON**

Happy and prosperous New Year to all! What is your resolution? One good resolution to make is to subscribe for The Observer.

After an absence of six months in Eastern Oregon Mr. and Mrs. George Kreidt have returned to Portland. The former is looking for a job.

Pearl Pickett, who had been working at the Oregon school for the deaf, has come home to stay.

Ralph F. Reichle, little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reichle, celebrated his third birthday with a party on the 16th. All the little ones present enjoyed themselves. Light refreshments were served.

In honor of Miss B. Bond's birthday on the 21st several friends surprised her by gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reichle. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Sandwiches, cake and cocoa were served. Miss Bond was quite surprised.

One day last week during the holidays Mrs. Metcalf had the pleasure of having the deaf ladies spend the afternoon with her.

Portland being too attractive for him to stay on his father's farm, Frank Johnson has returned here and is keeping house for some of the deaf bachelors at St. John. Frank is said to be a fine cook. A chance for the girls!

Any of the Portland mutes desiring to have mention made of any of the local doings will please drop a card to or tell Mrs. J. O. Reichle.

Oregonian.

There is at the Rome School, New York, a new pupil who seems to appreciate the advantages offered by the school, and in a humorous way he tells his home people of his school life there: You will have more fun here in a week than you will in Blankville in 15 years. It takes a place like this to wake up Blankville. Tell the folks I will not starve here. All I had for supper was six slices of bread, six cups of milk, and a half pound of butter, four cookies and a napkin.—Ex.

#### **Memorial Scholarships for the Chefoo School**

The alumni of the Rochester school have voted to raise \$50.00 yearly for a scholarship at the Chefoo school for the deaf, to be known as the "Harriet E. Hamilton Memorial;" at the same time

steps were taken to secure another in memory of Mary H. Westervelt. Both of these women were interested in the pioneer work in China, and gave lavishly of themselves and their means.

The plan is gradually to endow both of these scholarships, and \$50.00 has been placed at interest to the credit of each. This will be added to from time to time as the amounts raised exceed the required sum of \$50.00 annually.

**ST. LOUIS, MO.**

W. A. Cotter of Glencoe, Mo., was in St. Louis recently.

Miss Sarah Lithgoe returned from a visit of several weeks duration with relatives in Indiana. She enjoyed herself very much.

Ross P. Sutton, while out hunting in the suburbs of St. Louis, fell and sprained his ankle. A few days' rest, however, made it as well as ever.

L. J. Laingor and Mary E. Wilson of Columbia, Ill., were married at the residence of Rev. J. H. Cloud who officiated on the 10th. The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few friends of the contracting parties being present. Both bride and groom are well known by St. Louisans and their many friends wish them all possible happiness in their future life together. The groom has steady employment and they propose to reside permanently in St. Louis.

A grand ball was given on the 10th by the four principal deaf societies of the city—the Gallaudet Union, St. Francis De Sales Society, the local Division of the N. F. S. D. and the Ladies Home Fund Society—and the largest crowd of deaf ever assembled at a similar gathering; their number being supplemented by hearing friends and relatives. Dancing was kept up until midnight; the refreshment booths being all sold out before that time and a good profit was realized from the affair in spite of the heavy initial expenses. It is to be hoped that the custom of having a combined celebration, thus inaugurated will be repeated next year; first with a picnic and then with a ball.

Prof. J. Schuyler Long, of the Iowa school stopped in St. Louis for a change of trains on his way to and from Jackson, Mississippi. He put in the few hours to good advantage, visiting some friends and seeing the Gallaudet and the Catholic day schools for the deaf. We regret he could not remain longer.

Cyrus Merrell, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrell, has a slight attack of typhoid fever brought about by a Thanksgiving Day hunting trip. His speedy recovery is looked for.

Russell Handley, after an all-summer absence on a farm at La Moille, Iowa, is again in the city ready for the holidays.

Mrs. Clyde Jones and son departed recently for Los Angeles, Cal.

Among out of town visitors to the Dec. 10th affair were Mr. and Mrs. W. Grady and Miss Reed of Alton, Ill., S. Chapman of Worden, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Wess and Miss Wilson of Belleville, Ill.,

Mrs. S. Pancake, Mr. and Mrs. Rodenberger, Messrs. Luchow and Jones of East St. Louis, Ill., Miss Crocker of Carlyle, Ill., and Mr. Jeffords of Illinois, Ill.

**College Preparation**

To Editor of The Observer

In your issue of December 8th, you quoted an article from a daily paper, stating that the Washington school for the Deaf has been "placed upon the accredited list of Gallaudet college."

At the prima facie, this sounds—yes, even looks quite well—but there is something in this "accredited list of schools" that I cannot for the life of me understand what it means. I must, like the man from Missouri, be shown" before I can believe it. Does it mean that the pupils from the Washington school for the Deaf will be admitted at the time of their graduation, to Gallaudet College without examination?

Being myself a graduate of the Washington school, I know that its standard is as good as any of them, and will always be so as long as Supt. Clark is at its head; but I do doubt that the students will be accepted without taking the preliminary examinations prepared by the professors of the college. But from this "accredited list," it must truly be taken as a matter of fact, that they will be welcomed with open arms by the learned college professors, without taking the hitherto difficult not to say unreasonable examinations sent out by that learned body of a faculty, which has, for a good many years, been standing as a bar over which many a bright deaf chap or lass have been unable to cross. The questions, being totally different from those asked by their teacher at the schools, thus confusing them.

As the case is in most of the smaller schools—like the Washington, Oregon, etc.—where only one or two pupils are preparing for college at a time, I would say, that it is almost impossible to take these examinations, unless one is so fortunately favored as to have one of those teachers who can boast of, that they have "prepared" a large number of pupils for college. With but one or two pupils taking the examination, the rest of the pupils in the class cannot follow and subsequently that pupil must either get along by hard self-studying or to follow the class and—fail; for the school cannot afford to have a special teacher for a single pupil.

But this, "being placed upon the accredited list," seems to open a new era for the deaf in entering college, for as far as I can understand it, it means that the pupils will be eligible to enter college upon their achieved merits at the State school—that they like high school students, will be accepted without new special examinations. This will simply mean that they will have to be recommended by the Superintendent in charge—not by professors who live

#### **PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF**

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thousands of miles away, and who do not know the least about under what circumstances the examination was taken or under the prevailing condition the student had to prepare for the final contest—the object of their future life.

And by thus allowing the Superintendent to make the selection as to who is worthy to enter the college, the State schools might have a chance to follow in their "own way"; not to make such a uniform body of schools or rather large families, where the one copy the doings of the other. I think that both the schools and the college would gain by so doing, for many a worthy deaf youth would then have a chance to enter college; but who, under the prevailing conditions, is barred from so doing.

The writer has come across a number of deaf men, who once failed in their examination because of insufficient preparation in the State school, in some branches, but who had a knowledge of the English language which surpassed that of many a B. A. graduate from that institute, but unfortunately, they were "weak" in a study or two and that barred them from going to college. They got along all right in the class, but when the examination questions came, they, feeling how much was at stake, got rather confused—there they stood. Under such circumstances, is it right to deny them a college education?

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#### NO LIQUOR PAYS

Congressman Littlefield of Maine gave some figures before the Anti-Saloon League showing that Prohibition has paid that State remarkably well. In 1890 she had no saving banks, now she has \$66,000,000 on deposit in her saving banks. Ranking thirteenth in the matter of population the State ranks sixth in the amount of popular savings. In 1900 Ohio had on deposit \$10.71 per capita, Illinois had \$13.43; Pennsylvania had \$16.72 while Maine had \$95.22. His statement about pauperism is even more remarkable. From 1850 pauperism increased 138 per cent in Ohio, 173 per cent in Kentucky, 176 in Illinois while it decreased 245 per cent in Maine. These things are worth thinking about.

—Associate Reformed Presbyterian.

### Reading the Lips of Moving Picture Actors

In last issue we gave an article concern the deaf of Cleveland, Ohio, which has been going the rounds of the associated press newspapers.

Reporters in other sections have also been visiting moving picture shows in company with the deaf. In St. Louis Misses Pearl Herdeman, Norma Lang and another lady whose name we have not secured visited several shows in company with a reporter who gave a column write up.

In Seattle Mr. and Mrs. Hanson were prevailed upon to accompany a reporter of the Post-Intelligencer, the leading home daily of the northwest. The following is a part of the reporter's description of the visit:

"Moving pictures as an amusement for the deaf-mutes have been officially sanctioned by the president of the National Association for the Deaf, Olof Hanson, of Seattle, who, with Mrs. Hanson, an expert oralist, or lip reader, visited the motion picture shows of Seattle last night in company with a reporter for the Post-Intelligencer.

Objections have been made by Cleveland deaf-mutes, according to an Associated Press Dispatch from that city, that the language which they read on the lips of actors in certain pictures was profane. Profanity and indecency on the part of film actors have more than once, it is stated, driven deaf-mutes from theaters in that city.

That such a condition does not prevail in Seattle is Mr. Hanson's opinion.

"There is very little danger to the morals of the deaf-mutes from the 'talk' in the moving pictures, if the plays are otherwise clean," wrote Mr. Hanson last night. "Occasionally a few 'cuss word' may be 'seen', but they are rare. Of course, actors before moving picture machines should be cautioned not to use objectionable language, which, though not heard, may be seen.

"Motion pictures are a great attraction for the deaf. The National Association of the Deaf has raised over \$4000 for moving pictures.

"It is quite impossible for a deaf person to follow an address by reading the lips for any considerable time. The

strain on the eyes is too great. A few sentences can be caught here and there, but the whole discourse can never be understood, even by the best lip-readers. By the sign language, however, the deaf may enjoy lectures as well as hearing people.

"What the deaf see in the talk in the moving pictures is merely a few sentences here and there, but continued speaking cannot be understood."

'The Tramps' Christmas' was shown. It opened with a housewife returning a turkey to the butcher. She said "This turkey isn't fit to eat; it's bad." The butcher returns it to the farm. On the way the train is held up by tramps. When they find a whole lot of turkeys in the refrigerator car, one of the tramps (strange language he used) said, "Oh, goody, goody." They cook the turkeys and eat them, with grunts of satisfaction, till one discovers among the bones a card from the butcher, saying: "This turkey is returned because it is bad." The tramps exclaim variously, "Bad!", "Rotten!", and one tramp must have forgotten his upbringing, for he said "Damn!"

The next film was entitled "Her Indian Mother." It told of a Hudson bay trapper, who took an Indian girl to wife. He lives happily in his woodland cabin until a messenger comes, summoning him to Montreal. To the messenger, Moore, the trapper, was seen to say: "I'll go with you." Three years later he is at the company's headquarters and has forgotten his squaw. A trapper from the neighborhood comes and says, "We will talk." Moore says: "Have a smoke first," and offers a box of cigars.

The first instance of the Indians' sign language was observed on the reservation, when the trapper's baby is now a girl of 16. The Indian chief says to her, using signs, "You are now 16 years old. I give you the bracelet of your mother, who is dead."

Mrs. Hanson was asked if the Indians were real and she said "No".

"How do they happen to use the sign language, then?" she was asked.

"Oh, that is a very crude sign language, such as any white man could pick up. Indians use better. I can understand the sign language of Indians a great deal. Of course, there are certain special signs I would not know, but my knowledge of the sign language makes me get the main points all right."

In the film, "The Lesson," the dialogue was very clear and Mrs. Hanson caught it all easily. It appeared the actors used more talk in this than in any previously seen. Nothing objectionable was found.

At the end of the tour, Mrs. Hanson wrote to the reporter: "You noticed how intently I watched? I really worked, not to lose anything, and it is a very considerable strain on the eyes and attention. Signs afford more pleasure and can convey the same intelligence."



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